

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
ITO et al. )  
Application Number: To be Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: MAGNETORESISTIVE MAGNETIC SENSOR AND )  
MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS )  
Attorney Docket No. HITA.0442 )

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows: